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THE SOCIAL EVIL IN THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS. STRONG CRITICISM OF THE BISHOP.

The Straits Times, in a leading article, says—
The subject is not savoury but it must be faced, and a real effort made to get something done for the preservation of public health. We have dealt with it as a simple matter of disease but the Bishop of Singapore has seen fit to barge in with arguments based on we know not what, and we feel that it is necessary to put more of the simple facts before the public. The Chinese Protectorate is in possession of far more information on the subject than any other body, and the memorandum sent to the Committee of Doctors by the Hon. Mr. D. Beatty is one of the most informing documents we have seen with reference to local conditions past and present. Mr. Beatty has this pertinent observation to make: "If it is desired to deal effectively with the problem of Venereal disease from a medical point of view, it will be necessary to do so without regard to religious scruples, which, in my view, it is illogical to apply in a country in which the vast majority of the population are non-Christian, and are not influenced by the same standard of religion as is supposed to exist in Europe; as a matter of fact the standard of morality in China is probably just as high as in Europe, but here, and the fact that the Colony is the meeting place of persons from all over the world, many of them with a low standard of morals, and the relaxation of the paternal influence, which is so important in China, when the young emigrant leaves his village and his home, have all combined to foster immorality in Singapore." There are many other points in Mr. Beatty's memorandum, but that extract covers much. Another very striking memorandum is that presented by Dr. Hunter, now Principal Municipal Health Officer. He points out that "Within three months of the closing of the European brothels in Malay Street district, where previously I was giving one certificate for venereal disease I was giving six times as many," and he adds that in almost every case the disease was contracted "In one of the many Malay and Eurasian sly brothels which have come into existence all over the town." We have credited the Bishop with the closing of Malay Street, and we gather that he is proud of it. In the face of Dr. Hunter's statement does his pride glow more warmly? If his object is the encouragement of disease it should, but we do him the credit of believing that his mind refuses to accept any evidence that runs counter to its own presumptions. Dr. Rattray sums up with the statement that "The young Straits-born Chinese are being brought to marriageable age in a diseased state, are married in it, and produce their children in the same." Dr. Elder, with an exceptional experience, considers that "The prevalence of venereal disease as a menace to the health of the community is nothing short of terrible." So we go back to Dr. Hunter, Mr. Beatty and the whole of the expert committee, and ask what is to be done? The Bishop meddled, and the proven result was to make matters far worse than they were. In the days before the centres were scattered all over the town the "known" brothels were comparatively well cared for, because they kept up a regular system of medical inspection, and the girls submitted willingly to treatment. In these places personal cleanliness was insisted upon, and had a very great influence in checking the spread of disease. Mr. Beatty points out in his memorandum that while serving in Kuala Lumpur he made regular inquiries at the hospitals, and "In nearly every case disease was not contracted in a 'known' brothel." The simple truth is that all experience proves the greater danger of the "sly" or clandestine, and the efficiency of medical care. Also it is important to bear in mind the very great advance that has been made in recent years in the treatment of the disease. This may be stated almost positively, that where sound instructions are followed the risks of infection for man or woman are reduced to a minimum, and that in some of the most serious forms of the disease, it is possible to make the woman incapable either of contracting or transmitting. That is an important fact. Theoretically we agree with Mr. Beatty that both man and woman should be isolated when capable of infecting, just as in the case of other contagious diseases. But we have to reconcile the theoretically perfect with what is practicable, and Dr. Hunter holds quite clearly that "The source of the spread of venereal disease is the infected prostitute. The infected man is not a serious factor. He may at the most infect one or two women, but beyond that he does not count. An infected prostitute may infect literally hundreds." With that in mind it is surely difficult to resist his conclusion that "If a woman deliberately chooses such a life, she is a source of danger to the public and should be made to submit to certain regulations which will tend to limit that danger." Regulation will be of incalculable advantage to herself, and if once the principles were clearly understood the women who practice here would submit without demur. Remember that the Asiatic woman is not to anything like the same extent as the European an outcast among her compatriots. Her profession is not disgraceful; it is, at the most, undesirable. Treat her with kindly consideration, and like a parish, show the will to help her to preserve her own bodily health, and give her all possible help and instruction in doing so. It will be a boon to the woman, a greater boon to society. The Bishop will repeatedly declare that to make more secure, secure will encourage sin. Be done with such twaddle nonsense. It has no meaning for three quarters of our population, who see absolutely no sin in the exercise of natural functions. Bear in mind, too, that human nature was formed by a

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THE RACE FOR CRUISERS.

The races for Saturday, although they started, had to be cancelled as no boat arrived home before the time limit. On Sunday there was an almost entire lack of wind and the cruisers had to be towed out to a starting place between the North and South fairway buoys. At the open end of the harbour there was a good breeze and some good sailing was enjoyed over a course of nineteen miles. This was by way of Discovery Bay, Chung Hui, North fairway buoy and Datum Rock. The wind was W. to W.N.W. The start was at 10.30 a.m. Seven English-rigged cruisers and two Chinese put out, but one of the latter failed to finish. Below are the detailed results:—

ENGLISH RIGGED.

Yacht	Time	Position
La Tigre	2.53.25	1
Alzuma	3.13.5	2
Alpen	3.54.19	3
Lyone	3.53.50	4
Norseman	4.11.00	5
U and I	4.00.45	6
Feathers	4.23.00	7

CHINESE RIGGED.

Niobe 4.25.40 4.22.30 1 21
Lodge Jean, 12 points did not finish.

YESTERDAY'S RACING.

THE LADIES' CHAMPIONSHIP.

The third race in the ladies' championship was sailed yesterday in a fresh Easterly breeze. There was again a good fleet out and some good sailing was seen on the following course:—Yacht Club, Channel Rocks, Cust Rock, Club Line and Channel Rocks with the finish at the Club line (East to West). All the marks were taken on the port hand and the distance was seven-and-a-half miles. Sealark was leading from the start to Channel Rocks with Daphne in close attendance. Daphne got inside Sealark and, rounding the Rock first, held the lead till she was past Cust Rock. On leaving this point the tide got her and Sealark again took the lead, increasing it as the race progressed and finishing a good first. Bdiada, owing to her exceptional handicap, got a second place, despite the fact that she finished sixth. This gave her 17 points and sent her to the front as first boat in the ladies' championship. Obviously it is time her handicap received attention. The following are the results and points to date:—

Yacht	Time	Position	Points to date
Sealark	4.12.31	1	44
Bdiada	4.16.00	2	47
Adanae	4.13.18	3	43
Gladys	4.15.47	4	43
Daphne	4.16.21	5	43
Bonjum	4.16.21	6	38
Jann	4.17.40	7	35
Urenda	4.18.24	8	27
Pierette	4.19.28	9	29
Nalegon	5.15.46	10	24
Spray	4.20.26	11	34
Alba	4.17.26	12	30
Bonito	4.19.4	13	20

INTERESTING CRUISE NEXT WEEK-END.

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club sailing committee have arranged an interesting cruise for next week-end, covering Saturday and Sunday. An early start will be made by the fleet, comprising all classes, on Saturday afternoon and a rendezvous has been arranged for Saturday evening at the head of Junk Bay where the fleet is to anchor for the night. An informal programme of racing will probably be arranged for Sunday afternoon.

A number of cruising yachts have already been listed as taking part in the cruise and the sailing committee are making arrangements for sleeping accommodation of small yacht owners on the cruisers for the Saturday night. In this connection, as the accommodation is limited, small boat owners wishing to attend are requested to send in their names to the Sailing Secretary (Mr. House).

INTERPORT FOOTBALL.

The following players will represent Hongkong in the match against The Army on the Hongkong Football Ground to-morrow (Wednesday), the 16th inst., at 4.30 p.m. sharp:—Wavish; Wyne and Bishop; McKelvie, Stewart (capt.), and Lelliot; Charlesworth, Eaton, Johnson, Nash and Begg.

POLO.

THE ROYAL CUP.

The annual contest for the ROYAL CUP will take place on Thursday at Causeway Bay between teams representing the Navy and Civilian. Unfortunately, there is no team available to represent the Army this year owing to a scarcity of Army players. The match will consist of six chukkas and commence at 4.30 p.m. The following are the teams:—Navy:—Capt. R. Neville, Lieut. Comdr. H. N. Lake, Lieut. C. C. Fleming and Lieut. J. Creswell. Civilian:—C. C. Boyd, J. Bartholomew, E. L. Judd and H. H. Palmer.

COMPANY MEETING.

CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

CAPITAL OF THE COMPANY INCREASED.

An extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders of the China Provident Loan and Mortgage Company, Ltd., was held yesterday morning at the offices of Messrs. Sheehan, Toms & Co. The meeting, which was called for the purpose of altering the Articles of Association and to increase the capital of the Company, was presided over by Mr. R. G. Sheehan and there were also present: Mr. H. P. White, Rev. Father Souvey, and Mr. J. P. Warren (Consulting Committee), Mr. E. M. da Rocha (Secretary), and the following shareholders: Messrs. G. P. Lammert, D. M. Goodall, W. J. Hawker, Te Tai Tai, Tang Foo, W. J. Carroll, A. A. Cordaro, R. M. Omar, Sun I Chai, C. Omand, J. Toppin, H. H. Taylor, Choy Sia Woon, M. A. Figueiredo, A. Keith, A. P. Samy, Tong Hok Ting, and Chang Tong.

THE COMPANY'S OVERDRAFT.

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen,—In my remarks at our general meeting last February, I said that negotiations were going on with the Government for the erection of piers on our frontage at West Point. These negotiations are now about to be brought to a point with results which, we feel sure, will be beneficial and remunerative to the Company, but, of course, to carry out our plans money is required. Our present financial position is weak, as we have an overdraft with our bankers amounting to \$1,800,000, which costs us seven per cent. per annum and which must be reduced to a more reasonable figure. We are, therefore, in want of further funds and the object of the resolutions now before you is to obtain additional capital by taking power to gradually call up not more than four million dollars new capital. It is proposed to declare a bonus issue of 30,000 shares at par of the value of \$300,000 out of the Reserve Fund, which will make the capital \$2,000,000, and to make a first call of \$2.50, payable not later than the 15th March, 1924, on the 400,000 additional new shares, which will bring in one million dollars. The remaining \$2,000,000 will only be called up as and when required, but at intervals of not less than three months in any instance, so that it will be some time before we can call it all in. At the present moment, our godowns (new and old) are all full and there is no doubt in our minds that we can do a still larger business at West Point if we can conclude our negotiations with the Government and get the facilities for loading and discharging steamers that we urgently require to make our organisation complete. You may rest assured that all the money you give us will be well employed, it will save you interest right away and will give us the means of greatly expanding our establishments and our turnover at West Point.

NO DEFINITE OFFERS.

Mr. W. J. CARROLL, Mr. Chairman, have there been any definite offers for the purchase of the Company's property at Kennedy Town?

The CHAIRMAN: No, nothing definite. Mr. CARROLL: I asked because there have been rumours going round that Government is going to buy the property.

The CHAIRMAN: We have had a great many people looking at the place, Mr. Carroll, but we have had no definite offers.

There were no further questions. The CHAIRMAN then moved the resolutions necessary to carry into effect the proposals outlined in his speech and they were duly carried.

The 400,000 new shares will be offered at par in the first instance to the members of the Co. on the Share Register on January 29th, 1924, in the proportion of 40 new shares for every complete 17 old shares held. Until such time as they shall be fully paid up, the new shares will, *pro-rata* the old shares, only rank for dividend in proportion to the ratio borne by the amount paid up on them in respect of their nominal value to their full nominal value (\$10).

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PORTUGUESE SKIPPER RUNS FOUL OF HARBOUR REGULATIONS.

A dilatory Portuguese skipper—J. M. Pessanha, master of the s.s. *Chongpa*—appeared before the acting Marine Magistrate (Lt. Comdr. Conway Hake, R.N.R.) yesterday in answer to a charge of unlawfully obstructing and causing unreasonable delay to the Harbour Master.

Assistant Boarding Officer Hilliard gave evidence to the effect that when, on Dec. 21st last he attempted to board the *Chongpa* he found no gangway there. This was at about 8.5 a.m. Witness handed two papers to the quartermaster for the captain to complete. A few minutes later, when the master of the vessel came on deck in his pyjamas, witness personally asked Pessanha to attend to the papers. As there was no sign of the captain or the papers by 8.25, witness eventually filled the papers in himself.

Defendant, with the aid of an interpreter, said he came from Macao and could not speak English. He did not understand what the Boarding Officer required as the official could not speak Portuguese. Pessanha said he had only been in charge of the ship for four days. It was his first command.

In view of these facts, the Marine Magistrate said he would merely caution defendant, although the case had been proved against him. It was pointed out to defendant that it was his duty to assist the Harbour Master, of any port in furnishing all required information.

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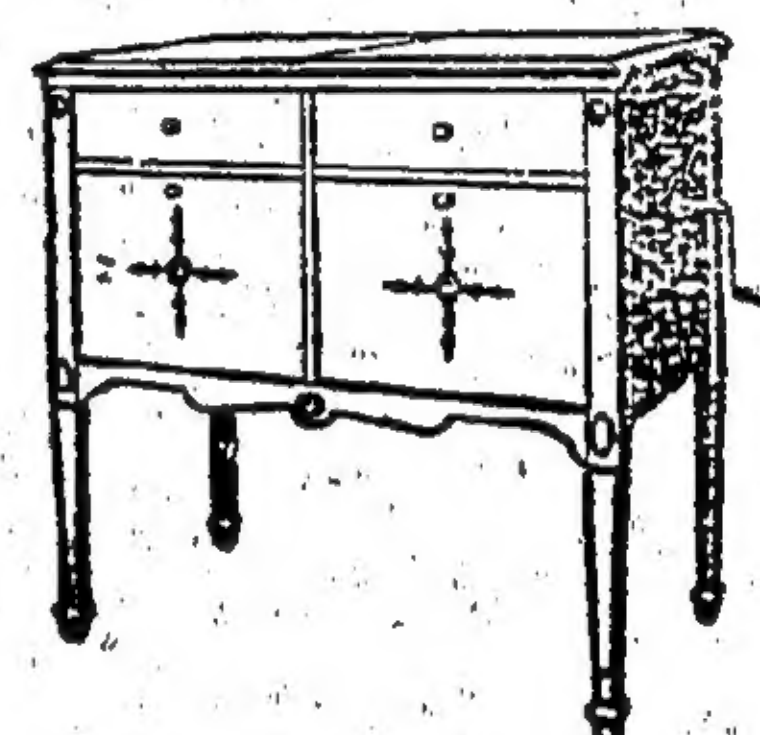
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MINISTER?

NEW EVIDENCE.

Ip Pat, a Chinese, was arraigned
yesterday for the murder of a woman
named Hui Wan, in the early morning
of November 4th. The outrage occurred
outside the Canton steamer wharf. Pri-
soner pleaded not guilty.

Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C. (the
Attorney-General) appeared for the
Crown, whilst prisoner was defended by
Mr. N. I. Brewer, instructed by Mr. A.
el Arculli.

The Attorney-General, in outlining the
case for the prosecution, said the de-
ceased woman was the wife of Chow Lo,
a member of the Chinese Parliament and
Finance Commissioner for Kwangtung.
The couple came from Canton on the
s.s. *Kinsan*, which arrived at Hongkong
just after midnight of November 3rd.
Prisoner was also a passenger on the
steamer. It would perhaps seem strange
that, pre-supposing prisoner to be the
actual murderer, he did not commit the
crime either aboard the steamer or in
Canton. It should be kept in mind,
therefore, that if he had made the at-
tempt on board the vessel he would have
had very great difficulty in getting away.
He would have had to hide somewhere.
Obviously the ship would not be a good
place. As regards Canton, prisoner might
have reflected that Hongkong would be
a safer place in which to do this act.
The woman was the wife of a high offi-
cial, and the police of Canton would
naturally put all efforts into effecting the
murderer's arrest. It was not unnatural
therefore that the man should come down
in the ship and commit the crime on
arrival here.

In this case, added the Attorney-
General, the Crown was unable to say
what the motive was. The whole point
was whether the prisoner was the person
who was seen near the woman immedi-
ately after the shot was fired.

Dr. Smalley gave evidence of the
woman being admitted to the Govern-
ment Civil Hospital and of extracting a
bullet from her stomach. The bullet, he
said, entered at the back, on the left-
hand side of the spine. The woman
was paralysed and pulseless when wit-
ness extracted the bullet with the aid of
a local anesthetic. She died at 3.30 the
same morning.

Sergeant Ernest Carpenter, H.K.P., mus-
ketry instructor at the police training
school, deposed that the bullet extracted
from the woman's body was of the same
calibre as the four live rounds found in
the revolver which was picked up after
the outrage.

A Chinese sergeant police interpreter
said that prisoner, when charged, made
a statement as follows:—"I am sure I
did not do that. I came to Hongkong
on the s.s. *Kinsan* on Saturday night."

Evidence was then given as to the
absence of a chair coolie who could, said
the Attorney-General, have proved an
important witness for the prosecution.
The man had left the Colony, but he had
left a signed statement regarding what he
saw on the night of the tragedy.
Mr. Chow Lo, a member of the Chi-
nese Parliament, said that at the time
his wife was shot he was Finance Com-
missioner at Kwangtung. He described
how he left the steamer with his wife,
who was on his right side and a little
ahead of him. Suddenly he heard two
shots, and his wife fell. He did not see
the assailant. Ricksha coolies, chair
bearers, and passengers commenced to
run away when the shots were fired.
Witness stayed and lifted his wife's head.
He did not look behind. He recognised
the revolver shown him as the one which
was picked up about a foot from the
body of his wife.

Cross-examined, witness said he did not
see any of the passengers searched for
arms at Hongkong; three were searched
at Canton.

Questioned by the Chief Justice wit-
ness could suggest no reason why anyone
should shoot at his wife. So far as he
knew, she had no serious quarrel.

Further questioned, witness admitted
that he, personally, had had a number
of quarrels with different people.

His Lordship: Then would it not be
more likely that the shot was intended
for you, and not for your wife?

Witness: That is what I thought.

Witness then described how in August
last a shot was fired at his motor car in
Canton whilst his wife, himself and child-
ren were in it. He was unable to identify
the assailant, and could not say at whom
the firearm was actually pointed; in his
estimation it was simply fired at the car.
In any event, the shot missed the occu-
pants. His bodyguard chased a suspect
immediately after the occurrence, but
could not catch him. One of the body-
guard had attended an identification
parade in Hongkong and informed wit-
ness that he (the bodyguard) thought Ip
Pat was most likely the man who fired
the shot at Canton.

A chair coolie said the colour of the
clothes worn by the man who ran away
was the same as that of those worn by
the man who was put up for identifica-
tion by the police. Witness remembered
seeing a revolver. It was lying on the
ground. Pressed by the Attorney-General
the coolie said he saw the man who fired
the shot drop the revolver.

Witness was cross-examined at length
by Mr. Brewer, particularly in regard to
the point of whether Chow Lo was carry-
ing any parcels just before the occur-
rence. Witness affirmed that Chow Lo
had two packages in his hands; and that
he put them down before going to lift
his wife.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

ABSENT JURYMAN FINED.

DETAINED BY "URGENT
BUSINESS."

Mr. S. M. Churn, manager of the
Union Trading Company, was fined \$30
in the Supreme Court yesterday morning
by His Lordship the Chief Justice (Sir
William Rees Davies).

Mr. Churn had been warned to attend
as a juror in a murder trial which opened
yesterday. He failed to answer his name
when the jury assembled to be sworn in,
when he eventually appeared he stated
he had been detained in his office on
urgent business.

His Lordship said he could not accept
the excuse. He had never heard anything
like it.

"We are all called upon to do our
duty in various spheres of life," he
continued, "yet you come here and
deliberately tell me that you stayed in
your office to do what you term 'urgent
business.'"

Mr. Churn stated that he did not
desire his action to express any intention
on his part of ignoring the order of the
Court.

His Lordship, however, inflicted the
above mentioned fine.

TALE OF A "PIRATE CHIEF."

QUEER SUMMARY COURT CASE.

A case which only concerned the
balance of a promissory note for the
matter of \$199 odd, when it was outlined
in the Summary Court yesterday took on
a romantic turn. The pirate chief of an
island in Chinese territory who was
alleged to have levied tribute on fishing
and other boats was introduced.

Wan Wan-kai, a Chinese shipbuilder of
Aberdeen, sued Ho Kin-fu, the master of
a fishing junk, for \$199.48, being the
balance of principal and interest due
under a promissory note dated May, 1921.

Mr. R. E. A. Webster appeared for the
plaintiff and Mr. C. A. S. Russ for the
defendant.

Mr. Russ said that it would be alleged
that the plaintiff used to be a pirate
chief on an island in Chinese territory
and levied tribute on fishing and other
boats. The defendant refused to pay the
tribute and he was in consequence
pirated and robbed, being forced to put
his finger prints to the promissory note.

Plaintiff said Mr. Webster was at the
time employed by a firm on the island,
the defendant being a fisherman. The
master of plaintiff's ship had loaned the
defendant money and, according to the
usual custom, defendant had to sell all
his fish to the man from whom he had
received the loan. Defendant did not do
so, and so the lender seized a boat-load
of fish. The story of piracy had arisen
out of that. Both parties came in to
Aberdeen and saw the police, as a result
of which the fish were handed back. When
this civil action came on the defendant
had the plaintiff arrested, but the case
broke down.

Explaining how the money was loaned,
Mr. Webster said that on the feast day
of the Goddess of Heaven—the fisher-
men's great festival—a party of men on
the island went to the temple to worship.
Defendant and plaintiff were among them.
Some of the men started gambling, and
defendant, who was a confirmed gambler,
lost heavily. Plaintiff, who had not
gambled, lent him money, but defendant
again became "cleaned out" and as he
could not pay he was followed by an
angry mob. Plaintiff again loaned the
man money to give him an opportunity
of settling his debts. Certain sums were
lent and some were later repaid. The
amount claimed was for the balance of
principal and interest due.

It was submitted by Mr. Russ for the
defence that the tale told by plaintiff was
not true—it had been contradicted flatly
by his own witnesses. Evidence went to
prove that the defendant had signed the
note under duress, although they would
probably never get to the bottom of the
affair.

For plaintiff it was argued by Mr.
Webster that it was extraordinary for the
defendant to state that he knew nothing
about the island or about the firm. Mr.
Webster thought it was quite true that
they would never find out just what hap-
pened, but he submitted that the prom-
issory note was one that should be hon-
oured.

His Lordship said he was not called
upon to express any opinion about the
plaintiff's character, but he accepted the
story that the note was signed under
duress and not given in exchange for a
loan relating to gambling. He would
have to give judgment for the defendant.

Indian Police Sergeant B.118, who was
on duty outside the wharf at the time of
the shooting, deposed to seeing the pri-
soner holding a revolver in his hand.
This was after the shots had been fired.
Witness ran towards him to arrest him.
Prisoner dropped the revolver and ran
away along the middle of the road in an
easterly direction. Witness then blew
his whistle and chased prisoner to the
Harbour Office, near which he was
captured. The actual detaining of pri-
soner was accomplished by a Chinese
Harbour Department official, who handed
Ip Pat over to witness. Prisoner struggled
when arrested. Witness was quite
sure that it was prisoner who dropped
the revolver.

Cross-examination of this witness con-
cluded the day's hearing.

The Jury empanelled consisted of:
Messrs. Martin, Joseph, Gaan, Herbert
Wilson, James Jack, Jehangir Hormasjee
Ruttonjee, Vito Antonio Rozario, Henry
Spicer, and Tam Yung Kwong.

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Ladies Shoes.

This Prospectus has been duly filed with the Registrar of Companies.

The Subscription List will be Open on MONDAY, the 14TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1924, and Close on or before SATURDAY, the 19TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1924.

THE SIMPLEX PLASTER COMPANY, LIMITED.

Incorporated under the Companies' Ordinances 1911-1921.

CAPITAL - - - - - \$500,000

DIVIDED INTO 50,000 SHARES OF \$10 EACH.

Offer of 4,000 Shares for Public Subscription.

Of the above shares 15,000 credited as fully paid will be allotted to The China American Industrial Developing Company, Limited, as the purchase price for the sale to the Company of property, plant, machinery and equipment of The China American Industrial Developing Company, Limited, on the terms of the contract set forth in this Prospectus. Of the remaining 35,000 shares it is intended at the present time to issue only 15,000, and of these shares 11,000 have already been subscribed for cash by the Directors and their friends. On these shares \$2.50 per share will be paid on application and the balance when called up on the same basis as the remaining capital.

The remaining 4,000 shares to be issued at the present time, ranking equally with those already subscribed, are now offered for Public Subscription, payable as to \$2.50 per share on application. The balance due on each share (\$7.50) will be called up on allotment.

The unissued Capital of the Company will be issued at such times and on such terms as the Directors shall determine.

The Form of Application for shares is at the back of this Prospectus.

DIRECTORS:

CHARLES EDWARD HARTNELL BEAVIS, No. 9, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, *Solicitor*.

CHAN PEK CHUN, No. 34, Bonham Strand West, Victoria, Hongkong, *Merchant*.

CHAU YUE TENG, No. 16, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, *Merchant*.

CARL BRADLEY SHANK, Nos. 50-52, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, *Engineer*.

EDWARD DEAN SHANK, Nos. 50-52, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, *Architect*.

WONG KWEE SHUN, No. 169, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, *Banker*.

One further Director will be appointed by the Board after allotment.

BANKERS:

THE INTERNATIONAL BANKING CORPORATION.

AUDITORS:

Messrs. LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS, Chartered Bank Building, Victoria, Hongkong.

SOLICITORS:

Messrs. WILKINSON AND GRIFF, No. 9, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE COMPANY:

CHINA BUILDING, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, VICTORIA, HONGKONG.

PROSPECTUS.

(a) The recent remarkable developments in building in this Colony have resulted in a demand for labour and building materials that has been unprecedented. Increased costs, consequent upon such demand, necessitate the adoption, where possible, of means whereby not only may labour be saved but materials produced both quickly and economically. This Company is formed mainly for the purpose of providing plaster and gypsum products which are required in the construction of every building from the small house to the largest block of modern offices. "Simplex Plaster," which the Company proposes to manufacture in this Colony, is manufactured by a special process, and is at present only obtainable from abroad, and the Promoters are confident that it can be manufactured here and sold for a price considerably below that which the commodity commands in Hongkong at the present time. This plaster is now extensively used in building in this Colony, and is in fact, as experience has shown, extremely beneficial in the Far East and particularly in Hongkong, for it is impervious to white ants, does not chip owing to damp, and is practically fireproof, remaining unbroken and unaffected by heat unless of a temperature of 250 to 300 degrees centigrade.

(b) The Company has acquired as a going concern that branch of the business of THE CHINA AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPING COMPANY, LIMITED, which has been engaged in the manufacture of "Simplex Plaster." The purchase includes a piece of land of an approximate area of 41,000 square feet situated at Tuen Wan, together with the buildings, plant, machinery and equipment thereon, the machinery being already assembled for the commencement of manufacture. The purchase price will be paid and satisfied by the allotment to THE CHINA AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPING COMPANY, LIMITED, of 15,000 shares of the Company credited as fully paid up. Furthermore the agreement with the Vendors provides that the Vendors will place with the Company all further orders for the supply of plaster by the Vendors.

The Contract for the acquisition of this business is dated the 4th day of January, 1924, and is made between THE CHINA AMERICAN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPING COMPANY, LIMITED, of the one part and Denis Henry Blake as Trustee for the Company of the other part. A copy of the Contract can be inspected at the Registered Office of the Company or at the office of the Company's Solicitors.

(c) The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment is seven shares.

(d) No commission or promotion money is being paid by the Company.

(e) The Company will pay the preliminary expenses of and incidental to the formation and floating of the Company down to the time when it becomes entitled to commence business, and the estimated amount thereof is \$5,000.00.

(f) The Articles of Association provide that the qualification of a Director is to be the holding of 500 shares in the Company, and that the remuneration of each of the Directors is to be \$500.00 per annum.

(g) The Directors are interested in the promotion of the Company to the extent only that they or some of them are Directors of other companies with whom the Company may do business.

(h) Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company can be inspected at any time during business hours at the Registered Office of the Company or at the Company's Solicitors.

(i) A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is annexed to this Prospectus and forms part of it.

(j) Application for shares should be made upon the Form attached to this Prospectus, and sent to the Company's Bankers together with a remittance of \$2.50 per share, the amount of the deposit.

Where no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full, and where the number of shares allotted is less than the number applied for, a proportionate amount of the deposit will be returned.

(k) Prospectuses can be inspected at and Forms of Application obtained from the Company's Bankers, the International Banking Corporation, and at and from the Registered Office of the Company.

Dated the 6th day of January, 1924.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central, at 3.00 p.m., SATURDAY, the 24th FEBRUARY, 1924, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1923.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company, will be CLOSED from Monday, 21st January, to Saturday, 2nd February, 1924 (both days inclusive), during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager, Hongkong, 15th January, 1924. [203]

STRETHERS & HARRY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From SAN FRANCISCO & LOS ANGELES via PORTS.

THE Steamship

"WEST CARMONA" (Due Hongkong JANUARY 14TH) having arrived from the above-mentioned ports, Monday, January 14th, 1924. Consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at consigned risk.

Consignees of Cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports & Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned or Delivery Orders issued.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns where it will be examined at 10 A.M., Saturday, 19th January, 1924, by Messrs. ARTHUR & ASSOCIATES. All claims must be presented within 10 days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered after 31st January, 1924, will be subject to rest.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected. Consignees are requested to read in their Bills of Lading in exchange for Delivery Orders immediately.

STRETHERS & HARRY, Agents, U.S.S.R. Emergency Fleet Corp., Hongkong, 14th January, 1924. [204]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD. AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "KION" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to terms and conditions of storage at Holt's wharf. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on or after 14th January.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 19th January will be subject to rest.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 2nd February, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents, Hongkong, 15th January, 1924. [205]

P. & O. S. N. CO.

STEAMER FOR STRAITS, COLOMBO, AUSTRALIA, BOMBAY, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS & LONDON.

through Bills of Lading issued for Batavia, Persian Gulf, Continental, America and South African Ports.

THE Steamship "SCILLA," Captain E. C. Miller, R.N., carrying His Majesty's Mail, will be despatched from this Port on or about SUNDAY, 20th JAN., 1924, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

Blank and Valuable and Tea for Italy, France and London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Bombay into the Mail Steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London. Passengers will be received at this Office until 10 A.M., the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars apply to—**MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.** Agents, Hongkong, 15th January 1924. [206]

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. GEORGE WINSTANLEY BARTON in our Firm ceased as from the 31st of DECEMBER, 1923.

DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & CO. Hongkong, 12th January, 1924. [202]

PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

MR. FRANK EDWARD LAMBERT having been taken into Partnership by me, the Business will be carried on under the Name of G. H. LAMBERT & SON from Date.

G. H. LAMBERT, Canton, 11th January, 1924. [194]

INTIMATION

DEWAR'S WHISKY.

Messrs. JOHN DEWAR & SONS, Ltd.

and Associated Companies hold the LARGEST STOCKS OF MATURED SCOTCH WHISKY in SCOTLAND TO DAY, and are therefore able to guarantee the same fine quality all over the World. They have recently secured the FAMOUS ROYAL LOCHNAGAR Distillery at Balmoral, which is situated on the ESTATE OF H.M. THE KING. In addition they own directly or are jointly interested in NINE OTHER of the finest MALT DISTILLERIES in SCOTLAND, thus ensuring Future Supplies of our well known Brands.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 15TH, 1924.

ATTACKS ON FOREIGNERS IN CHINA.

We do not know exactly how many foreigners have been subjected to outrage by bandits in China since the Chinese Foreign Office last September wrote concerning the "renewed proofs" given after the Lincheng outrage, of the spirit of friendliness which China entertains towards foreign nationals within its territory; but the number of outrages is considerable, and is growing every week. In the past month we have had to record at least five instances in which foreign nationals have been attacked, in three cases with fatal results. A Belgian priest at Sunyuan (Hupei), whose residence was invaded by a gang of forty brigands, was shot down and killed without warning. At Taoyang (Hupei) the American Lutheran Brethren Mission was attacked; one lady missionary was wounded, with fatal results later, while another lady missionary was carried off into captivity by bandits and is still in their hands. What intolerable suffering and hardship this involves to the unfortunate victim will be understood by those who have read the experiences of the two other lady missionaries who gained their freedom a little more than a month ago after being some five weeks in the hands of a bandit gang who compelled them to travel, mostly on foot, over many miles of difficult, and for the most part mountainous, country. There was also the case of a medical missionary in Shantung (near the scene of the Lincheng outrage) who was carried off by bandits and was held captive by them for two or three weeks. Then we have the case of the piratical attack on one of the steamers plying in the upper reaches of the Yangtze. In this case the master (Capt. BRAND) was killed and his body cast overboard. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that two officers of a Japanese ship, who were captured by brigands at Chingking two months or more ago, are still in the hands of their captives. The latest outrage is that on an American

mission at Supu, in Hunan province, and this was perpetrated by soldiers who said they had been ordered by the General commanding the First Divisions of the Hunanese Army to attack the mission and "kill the foreign devils." We do not readily credit this allegation, but no doubt the American Minister will leave no stone unturned to ascertain its truth or falsity, and in this he will have the cordial support of the entire Diplomatic Body. Fortunately, no one was killed on the occasion though shots were fired, the American flag insulted, and the mission property considerably damaged. The Chinese Foreign Office explained the Lincheng outrage, when one foreign subject was killed and a dozen carried by brigands into mountain fastnesses, as being "in no case an anti-foreign demonstration, as it arose from an act of lawlessness on the part of brigands whose object was robbery and the capture of innocent travellers as hostages, as a means to compel the raising of the siege by Government troops of the bandit stronghold." We are not aware that any excuse of this kind can be given for any of the numerous outrages that have occurred in the past six months. While it is true that "the united voice" of the Government and the law-abiding people of China condemn these incidents, they are becoming too frequent to warrant the Foreign Powers in being satisfied with such empty assurance. As American citizens have been the victims in most of the recent cases we shall be interested to learn whether there is any hesitation at Washington to assume "leadership" in pressing for the drastic punishment of responsible officials which the circumstances in each case so obviously demand.

During the 48 hours ended the 13th inst. only 9 cases of small-pox were reported in the Colony.

Lady Stubbs has kindly consented to give away the prizes won by pupils of Bellis Public School.

Mr. James Stewart, London manager of the Mercantile Bank of India for the past ten years, has been appointed chief manager of the bank.

"They have played mah jongg in China 2,000 years, one way," said a woman. "In America, they have played it one year, 2,000 ways."

The Government of the Federated Malay States have voted \$35,000 towards the entertainment of the officers and crew of H.M.S. Hood had *Repulse*.

An armed robbery took place at No. 17, Mowlam Street, Yamati, ground floor, on Sunday morning. Two armed robbers tied up the only inmate of the floor and escaped with \$2 in cash.

A Chinese servant employed on the Peak was held up at the junction of Conduit Road and Hatten Road on Sunday afternoon by four men. The servant was robbed of a quantity of jewellery, including four finger rings.

Mr. C. C. Wu, Secretary for Foreign Affairs at Canton, in a speech delivered at a dinner given by him last week to many prominent Chinese and foreign officials remarked: "It may not be long before the Consulates here are raised to the status of Legations."

Canton apparently has a wide reputation as a paradise for beggars, for the *Canton Gazette* says: "Lately many beggars have come to Canton in order to escape the rigours of the cold winter in other provinces. The Government intends to put up small sheds for these people and provide them with food."

The company holding the mah jong monopoly at Canton has issued instructions to the various hotels, restaurants and clubs in the city to take out licences within three days, otherwise they will be fined when caught breaking the law. The licence fee for each table, for one day, is \$3.50. Mah jong playing amongst families is exempted from this tax.

Possibly owing to dissension amongst Dr. Sun's troops on the opposite bank of the river, a rifle bullet crashed through a window of the Masonic Club on the Shamoon on Saturday evening at about five o'clock, when the members of the Lodge "Star of Southern China" were beginning to assemble for the annual installation ceremony. Happily, no one was injured.

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:—Mr. John H. Bristol, Manager of the Texas Company, No. 205, the Peak, to Miss Amelia Duren Chirchward, en route from Home by the *s.s. Targa Maru*; Mr. Leicester G. St. Clair Johnson, of the South British Insurance Company Hongkong, to Miss Margaret Jessie Rose, of New South Wales; Mr. John George Hooper, Sanitary Inspector, No. 20, Poldham Road, to Miss Esther Victoria Lyden, school-mistress, No. 25, Baglan Street, Swansea.

SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT AT THEATRE ROYAL.

An excellent school's entertainment was presented at the Theatre Royal yesterday. Held under the auspices of the Victoria Diocesan Association, it included contributions from scholars of the Diocesan Boys' and Girls' Schools, St. Paul's Boys' and Girls' Schools, St. Stephen's Boys' and Girls' Schools, and the Victoria Home and Orphanage.

After the band of St. Paul's College had rendered a striking overture, the Hon. Sir Claud Severn, K.B.E., LL.D., declared the entertainment open. Then followed a very interesting series of items. Eighteen children from the Victoria Home and Orphanage gave a pretty display entitled "Little Herods," and eight girls from St. Paul's Girls' College danced a gavotte. Then came a pleasing presentation by half-a-dozen little ones from the Diocesan Girls' School. This piece was called "A Japanese Umbrella" and each child had a pretty sunshade, the colouring of which blended well with her frock.

A Chinese play entitled "A Midnight Surprise," given by four students from St. Stephen's College, was one of the main items of the entertainment. The dialogue was witty, and if the action was of the rough-and-tumble order it was well appreciated. Three "ghosts" introduced into the second scene were distinctly funny. St. Paul's Girls' College, the Diocesan Girls' School and the Diocesan Boys' School all contributed *ensemble* numbers, including an action song, and a gymnastic display in which 20 boys participated. Among other interesting items were some neat country dances and a minuet by students from the Diocesan Girls' School, a conjuring "turn" by scholars from the Diocesan Boys' School, and a Chinese waxwork show by girls from St. Stephen's. The St. Paul's band was a distinct acquisition to the entertainment, particularly the saxophone and other jazz effects.

Two years ago the Victoria Diocesan Association promised to try to raise \$2,000 per annum for two years towards the Missionary Work of the Church of England in Nanning. For the second year about \$1,500 is still needed. A suggestion was made that the schools should be asked to give an entertainment and the above entertainment was the result.

The sub-committee in charge of the arrangements consisted of the Rev. W. T. Featherstone and Mr. T. S. W. Chan (the Diocesan Boys' School), Miss E. Woo (St. Paul's Girls' College) and Mr. Owen Hughes, Jr.

In addition to the sub-committee the representatives of the various schools who arranged items were—Miss Hazeland (St. Stephen's Girls' College), Mr. T. J. Price (St. Stephen's College), Miss Walters (Diocesan Girls' School), the Rev. A. D. Stewart (St. Paul's College), Miss Hollis (the Victoria Home and Orphanage) and Staff Sergeant Hunt (the Diocesan Boys' School).

DANCING TO RADIO ON "FRANCONIA."

PASSENGERS ENJOY BROADCAST PROGRAMME.

Hongkong added to its series of entertainments for the passengers on the *s.s. Franconia* a dance programme by radio on Sunday evening. This novel feature, the first of its kind to be given in Hongkong, was arranged by the Chief Radio Officer of the vessel, Mr. R. B. B. B. B. and the staff of the Radio Communication Company (Orient), Ltd., which broadcast the dance music from its station on the roof of the Kowloon Hotel.

The spacious decks of the *Franconia* are particularly suited for out-door dancing, and by means of a loud-speaking apparatus, the dance music was loudly and clearly received, and the visitors much appreciated the entertainment. Although most of them, being from New York and other cities where radio is no new experience for them, have many times danced to broadcasted music, they expressed their keen interest that Hongkong was equipped with the latest means for communication.

The following message was received by the Radio Communication Company by wireless from the *Franconia* last evening, soon after the vessel departed:

"Passengers who enjoyed your dance programme by radio last evening ask me to thank you, Mr. Osborn and the Radio Communication Company for your kindness in transmitting to them, and to assure you that the clarity of the music and the general quality of the programme made them feel as if they were not far from home. Listening for you this evening. Congratulations and success. (Signed) Rattray, Chief Radio."

NINE MEN CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER.

Nine Chinese, who appeared on remand at the Magistrate's yesterday morning, were charged with the manslaughter of an alleged trespasser at Ma Tau Wat. When the case was first mentioned in Court a week ago a charge of assault was preferred against the men. Since then the man alleged to have been assaulted has died in hospital, and the charge was amended to one of manslaughter. Detective Inspector of the case yesterday morning, said the accusation was brought in a general way in view of certain statements made by the dying man. The third defendant, the Inspector said, was alleged to have struck the deceased with a stick. The case was formally remanded for a further week.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
(THROUGH METER'S AGENCY.)

BRITISH TAXPAYERS' BURDEN.

SUGGESTION REGARDING FRENCH AND ITALIAN DEBTS.

LONDON, January 13th.

The association of the British Chambers of Commerce have forwarded a letter to Mr. Baldwin, Lord Curzon and Mr. Neville Chamberlain drawing attention to the fact that France and Italy at present owe £1,150,000,000 to Great Britain, the interest on which at five per cent. is equal to over a shilling in the pound of Income Tax at present paid in Great Britain. The repayment of the American loan to Great Britain, £850,000,000, cost £70,000,000 a year, equal to 5d. in the pound Income Tax.

The Council of the Association are of the opinion that in view of the adverse effect of high taxation on the trade of the country, the Government should consider whether steps should not be taken to approach the French and Italian Governments with a view to securing payment on account, pending a settlement of debts on a fair basis, with the object of relieving the British taxpayer.

FUNERAL OF MURDERED SEPARATIST.

PRIEST PROHIBITED FROM OFFICIATING.

PARIS, January 13th.

Advices from Speyer state that the Bishop of Speyer refused to allow a priest to officiate at the funeral of Heinz.

FRENCH GENERAL'S TRIBUTE.

BERLIN, January 13th.

A message from Speyer says that the funeral of Heinz was attended by three hundred persons, including Separatist troops.

The service was opened by a French general, who paid tribute to Heinz as a friend of France, placing a wreath on the coffin.

The French Occupation Authorities have forbidden the Palatine Clergy to read an anti-Separatist protest from their pulpits.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE SEPARATIST PROBLEM.

HITCH IN NEGOTIATIONS.

PARIS, January 13th.

The hitch which has occurred in the Anglo-French negotiations on the subject of the separatist movement is manifested by Lord Curzon's frequent visits to the Quai d'Orsay. It appears that Britain suggested an independent enquiry on the spot. France insists that the enquiry must be inter-Allemand, and declares that any British investigator must be accompanied by a French officer.

LATEST CABLES.

A DARING UNDERTAKING.

SINGLE HANDED CRUISE THROUGH PACIFIC ISLANDS.

PARIS, January 13th.

It is stated that Lieut. Gerbault, who was awarded the ten thousand francs prize of the *Académie des Sports* for crossing the Atlantic in a ten-ton cutter, intends to devote the money to re-fitting his boat preparatory to a long cruise through the Pacific Islands. He hopes to leave France in April.

FATAL COMMUNIST RIOT.

CROWD RESISTS ARREST OF LEADER.

HAMBURG, January 13th.

A Communist leader named Urhahn was arrested at a meeting organised by Communists in commemoration of Liebknecht.

The crowd threatened the police, who used their firearms, with the result that one person was killed and two injured.

INDIAN BUDGET.

BALANCE PROBABLE.

DELHI, January 13th.

It is understood that the forthcoming Indian budget for the current year will probably show a balance.

This is important in view of the trouble over the last budget deficit necessitating the Viceroy's certification of the Salt Tax.

FRONTIER MURDER GANG.

SURRENDERS TO AFGHAN GOVERNMENT.

PESHAWAR, January 13th.

News has been received that the frontier murder gang has surrendered to the Afghan Government.

PRINCE OF WALES RETURNS FROM FRANCE.

LONDON, January 13th.

H.R.H. The Prince of Wales returned to London from France yesterday evening.

OBITUARY.

SIR RICHARD MUIR.

LONDON, January 13th.

The death is announced of Sir Richard David Muir, Kt.

[Sir Richard David Muir has been a member of the Middle Bar since 1909 and Recorder of Colchester since 1911. He was at one time on the Times staff, Press Gallery, House of Commons, and was in his 60th year at the time of his death.]

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

(THROUGH METER'S AGENCY.)

DEATH OF MRS. HOFF.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF CHINESE BANDITS.

HANKOW, January 13th.

Mrs. Hoff died yesterday.

[A Router's cable message, dated Hankow, December 30th, said that the *Central China Post* had received advice from Siangyang that bandits captured the Tsaoyang and Hupoh American Lutheran Brothers missionaries. Mrs. Hoff was wounded and Mrs. Klen taken prisoner. The bandits were proceeding to Tungpeh. A further telegram from Siangyang stated that three missionaries have been killed at Tsaoyang by the notorious Bandit Chief Lao Yang Ren.]

BANDIT CHIEF MURDERED BY HIS OWN MEN.

HANKOW, January 14th.

A telegram from Hanchow states that the notorious bandit chief Lao Yang Ren has been murdered by his own men. The bandits are fleeing but there is no word of their captives.

SUN PAO CHU ASSUMES OFFICE.

PEKING, January 14th.

Sun Pao Chu, who has returned to Peking from the hills, has announced that he assumes office the morning.

[BY COURTESY OF THE "DAILY BULLETIN"]

THE CHINESE CABINET.

PEKING, January 13th.

Mandates accept the resignations of all the acting members of the Cabinet and appoint the new Cabinet as reported.

Mandates appoint Chang Shou-heng, Shou Wei-hang, Chiang Chun' and Kao Ling-wei Tapan id, the Suiwachu, and Wang Ching-shan as Secretary to the Cabinet. The latter held the post of Chief of the Political Department in the Waichinopu for ten years and was afterwards Minister to Mexico. He is at present on furlough in Peking.

The Cabinet includes five former acting Ministers, of whom Wang Keh-ming, Wellington Koo, Wu Yu-lin and Li Ting-hsin retain the same posts, while Chang Keh is transferred from the Ministry of Justice to the Ministry of the Interior.

Wang Chung-huai and W. W. Yen are former Premiers, and Fan Yuan-lin is a former Minister of Education. The Chinese say that the Cabinet shows the influence of Wu Pei-fu.

EARLIER CABLES.

SENSATION IN CALCUTTA.

EUROPEAN MURDERED IN THE STREET.

CALCUTTA, January 13th.

An armed Bengalee shot mortally a European named Ernest Day, ran off and shot seriously a taxicab driver who joined in the pursuit. The Bengalee ran a quarter of a mile, being indiscriminately shot at by a crowd of natives. He then fired and slightly wounded the driver of a private car who refused to take him up. The assailant was subsequently arrested. At first it was thought he had run amok, but, according to the newspapers, investigations show that Day was shot in mistake for a high police official. There is the strongest evidence that the crime was committed by a prominent member of the Bengal Revolutionary Party. The cartridges used were of a continental type, unobtainable in India, being the same as those used in the murder of a Calcutta sub-post-master in August.

BRITISH RAILWAYMEN'S DISPUTE.

EFFORTS TO EFFECT A SETTLEMENT.

LONDON, January 13th.

The General Council of the Trade Union Congress has intervened in the railway dispute, having decided to appoint a committee to meet the railway managers and the Locomotive Drivers' Executive with a view to ending the deadlock, or at least, postponing the operation of the strike, pending negotiations.

GERMAN SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

MEN PLEDGED TO STAND FIRM.

PARIS, January 13th.

The German seamen's strike has considerably extended. Following a conference of every ship affected at the London Docks, presided over by Mr. Havelock Wilson, unanimously passed a resolution pledging the men to stand firm. Orders have been sent to all ports calling on seamen of German ships to cease work.

GANDHI UNDERGOES OPERATION.

BOMBAY, January 13th.

Gandhi has been removed from hospital and admitted to hospital at Poona, where he was operated on, his appendix was removed. He stood the operation very well.

DISCIPLINE AND LOYALTY.

SERMON BY THE CHAPLAIN TO THE FORCES.

At St John's Cathedral on Sunday morning, when, as stated in our yesterday's issue, the new Assistant Chaplain of the Cathedral and the Assistant Chaplain to the Missions to Seamen were licensed by the Bishop of Victoria, the following sermon was preached by the Rev. R. J. Northcott, C.F.

"Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life." 1. Tim. 6.12.

I want to talk for a short time about the Church. One of the best similes, or at any rate one of the simplest and most direct, is to compare the Church with the Army. For just as the Army is an organisation sent into every part of the world and commanded by Generals, Colonels, Captains and various other ranks, so the Church is an organisation sent into every part of the world and ruled by Bishops, Priests and Deacons and various other ranks amongst the laity.

The first essential in the Army is discipline. People who do not understand discipline think it is ridiculous and want to know what it is all for. They say why should a soldier wear a uniform and salute an officer, why should he be wheeled about by shouts and signs and bugles and drums, and why should he have to do what he is told at once instead of arguing about it, to see if it is necessary. The briefest answer to this question is to say that nobody can understand the value of discipline until they have been disciplined. Perhaps a better answer is to point out that the history of warfare has shown that an Army moves quicker, fights better, and endures harder things in almost exact proportion to the state of its discipline even in the smallest details of regimental life. Indeed, other things taken into consideration, all Military successes depend on discipline, and most military failures are due to a lack of it.

The next essential in an Army is loyalty. Discipline alone is inclined to become mechanical, but loyalty is associated with the instinct of love and gives your Army a soul, or what is called morale. You cannot make a man loyal in the same way you can make him be disciplined, because loyalty is to do with character, and you cannot make character to that extent. The loyal man is the man who loves his own things and is true to them. He loves his own home and reckons no one ever had a better or a dearer. He loves his own friends and sticks to them. And although he acknowledges there are other regiments in the Army, yet there is not one with quite such a good crowd in as his own. The loyal man is the man who gives up about everything; he gives up about his own people and his own friends; he wishes he had joined any regiment except the one he has; and he would be just as satisfied with anybody else's wife as he is with his own. If an officer had his way he would throw out of whatever he commanded every man who had this sort of fundamental disloyalty because he knows perfectly well that whenever there is trouble it always arises from this disloyal section.

Now in the Church the Clergy are the officers and the laity are the other ranks. And as in the Army, so in the church two things are essential—discipline and loyalty.

We do not always realise there has got to be discipline in the Church. We say we don't see the point of it. And like the soldier we have to be told that we never shall see the point of it until we submit to it. But we can be quite sure that until we realise that the spiritual discipline of our individual lives is the most important thing in our religion we shall not be much use as soldiers in the Army of God. Somebody has said about the Army, "An Army without discipline is about as much use in war as a fan in Hell." Well the Christian is always at war. And any man, unless he is a mere enchanter, any man that is, with a vestige of passion in his whole composition, who thinks he can stroll around the world amid the compelling forces of evil, undisciplined by prayer, unstrengthened by sacrament, not believing the creed he professes, and yet in some miraculous way fight the good fight of faith and lay hold on eternal life is living under a perpetual delusion. For the object of discipline is not just what Kipling calls:—

"Gettin' shut o' dirtiness, gettin' shut o' mess, Gettin' shut o' doin' things rather more or less."

It is that of course. But it is much more than that. Discipline is for war. Discipline must be so ingrained into a man that it holds, controls, compels. So that when the hour comes when physically or spiritually the passions are roused, and hell is let loose, and Heaven and earth are falling around us, and a man is dazed and amazed, and his brain too numb to think at all, he will yet carry on, persistently, unflinchingly, the perfect result of discipline.

The other essential in the Church is loyalty. And loyalty must come from love. Love, not so much of the Church itself but love of that which the Church stands for. And the Church stands for God. And just as a soldier learns the best way he can serve his country is to be loyal to his own Regiment, so the Christian learns the best way he can serve God is to be loyal and to do his best for the particular Church he has associated himself with.

Whenever a man goes to take up the work of a priest in almost any Church of the Church of England he will find a small but staunch body of laymen, wise, experienced, and with any amount of common sense, who will be ready to back

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"BATTLE ROYAL" AT TAIKOO.

300 COOLIES ENGAGE IN FIGHT.

INJURED COOLIE DIES IN HOSPITAL.

About 300 Chinese coolies engaged in "battle royal" at the Taikoo Sugar Refinery on Saturday afternoon. A truck-coolie was fatally injured and another truck-coolie injured.

The battle arose out of an incident between a truck-coolie and a bag-packer. The coolie's truck, laden with sugar, had accidentally bumped into the back of the bag-packer. There was a free fight between these two, the bag-packer being vanquished. His honour sullied the bag-packer successfully appealed to his colleagues for assistance. The truck-coolie likewise forestalled this action by appealing to his fellow-pushers of trucks and before the authorities could check any hostile movement a free fight on a large scale was indulged in during which weapons of varied description were brought into use. Knives, bamboo poles and large packing needles were used. In the fight the truck-coolie over whom the fight had arisen was mortally wounded with a packing-needle, whilst another truck-coolie was also run through with a large packing needle. In due course the police arrived and the melee was terminated. The ring-leaders of the bag-packers made a dramatic escape from the clutches of the police by jumping into the Harbour and swimming away. The police secured the arrest of one of the ring-leaders.

The mortally injured truck-coolie died in hospital shortly after his admission.

him in in any true venture for the Kingdom of God. They are the non-communised officers of the Church, and they are the very backbone of the Church itself, and every priest knows their value and thanks God for them. But on the other hand there is a much wider circle of men who will not come forward and say "I wonder what we can do together against the devil and his forces." They will say "I wonder what the devil this fellow is going to do." They are the sort of people who want the officer to do all the fighting, and will join in if he is winning, but if things go against him they will leave him to it. Granted, if you like to do with it, that both victory and defeat are in many ways in their hands. But no battle was ever won or ever will be won by officers alone, they must have men to back them up, and men with courage and initiative, who will do things on their own, and face difficulties and overcome them. Not men who want spoonfeeding and back patting, and buns and milk, and God knows what else before they'll do a hand's turn for the Saviour of the World.

"When men are loyal to their officers," says Captain Fuller in his Training soldiers for war, and "Officers are loyal to their men an Army becomes invincible." And when the clergy are loyal to the laity, giving them a true lead, putting before them the glory of the Gospel simply and honestly, with as little nonsense as possible, and doing their best to give a clean and cheerful example in their own lives. And when the laity are loyal to the clergy, treating them as men, and backing them up like men. And when both clergy and laity alike have the humour to laugh at, instead of making tragedy of, those little differences of personality which make us so irritating to each other. If only we could all work together, not loitering about what we are like, or what anybody else is like, as long as we are all holding together and fighting together for the one great purpose, then the Church would become indeed an Army utterly invincible.

The result of discipline and the result of loyalty is that men do things worth doing, they make traditions. Traditions are the glory of every regiment and the glory of every army. They are, like torches which we inherit from the past, which we have to hold aloft and aflame in the present, and which we hand on to the generations to come. The great tradition of the Church is this: that through all the ages, and through all hardships, though she has been stoned, and torn asunder, and mocked, and tempted, though she has wandered about in caves and holes of the earth, being destitute, afflicted, tormented, of whom the world was not worthy, yet faithfully through it all she has brought God's truth to man. And men need God's truth. Need it always more than they realise. They need it perhaps more in these days than they have for generations. The War and all the great intellectual and moral movements of recent years have left men terribly muddled as to what God's truth really is. But it is not of this generation alone we have to think: it is for the children of this generation, our children. Our children have got to face the same problems we have faced, the same sorrows and troubles, the same tears and temptations, and they will need as we have needed God's truth, God's love, God's joy, God's understanding, God's hand in the darkness.

My brothers, never did Time's trumpet call more clearly, more insistently, more urgently, to every member of the Church so to equip himself or herself to that the Church we hand on to our children shall at any rate not be unworthy of the Church we inherited from our fathers.

"Soldiers of Christ arise. And gird your armour on. Strong in the strength which God supplies Through his eternal Son."

"From strength to strength go on. Wrestle, and fight, and pray. Tread all the powers of darkness down. And win the well fought day."

HONGKONG EUROPEAN WANTED BY THE POLICE.

POLICE WARRANT ISSUED.

A police warrant has been issued for the arrest of a Hongkong European, named Charles Augustus Gardner, of the International Trading Company, Bank of Canton Buildings, Queen's Road. Gardner has been missing from the Colony since December 1st and the police are now offering a reward of \$1,000 for information that will lead to his arrest.

Some prominence was given to Gardner's rather dramatic disappearance at the time in the local press. Gardner, it appears, dealt with Chinese merchants in oil and rice. Just prior to his hurried departure from Hongkong he arranged with the Tung Sang Wing Ching Kee, oil merchants of No. 22, Connaught Road West, and the Wo Fung Wo Kee, rice merchants, No. 102, Connaught Road West, to ship 50 tons of nut oil and 100 tons of rice to Seattle and Cienfuegos respectively. The goods were shipped and the bills of lading were handed over to Gardner. He gave cheques for \$23,077 and \$13,504.30 cents to the owners of the cargo. On presentation at the International Banking Corporation on December 1st the cheques were dishonoured. On November 30th or December 1st, 1923, Gardner sold the bills of lading for the cargo mentioned to the Asia Banking Corporation and the Bank of Canton, Hongkong. He is said to have then absconded on December 1st with the proceeds.

Gardner is described as 30 years of age and of English and Portuguese extraction. He has a tall complexion and has dark hair and brown eyes. His height is given as five feet and he usually wears spectacles of the "Harold Lloyd" pattern. The reward notice also states that he is an opium smoker and that he may have scars on the back of his head.

Gardner also came into prominence about two years ago when he was attacked late one night by Chinese ruffians and left for dead on the stairs leading to his office in Ice House Street.

PENANG HILLS RAILWAY.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH AT OPENING CEREMONY.

The Penang Hills Railway was officially opened by H.E. the Governor on January 1st.

In doing so, Sir Laurence Guillemard said:—I am here to-day to declare the Penang Hills Railway open and to set the seal of official recognition upon an important and most successful undertaking.

Let us render honour where honour is due. First to the Resident Engineer, Mr. Johnson, who designed and constructed what the Resident Councillor a short time back described as "if not the best hill railway in the world, one of the best of such railways." Next of the Federated Malay States Government who placed at the disposal of the Government of the Colony for the construction of the line, the valuable services of the Federated Malay States Railway administration. We are all glad to welcome, as our guests, on this occasion, Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Anthony. The Railway stands to-day as an outward and visible sign of what can be done by friendly co-operation between the sister administrations, and I hope as an earnest of more that may be accomplished in many ways by mutual assistance in the future. This spirit of friendly co-operation ought to be the guiding principle of both administrations, and speaking for myself, it is a principle which I have done and will continue to do in my power to foster.

Lastly, I think I may be allowed without straining the quality of modesty, to offer my congratulations to myself. The need of hill stations in Malaya has long been recognised, and it has been my good fortune to be able to do something to improve the position in this respect. On my first visit to Penang early in 1920, I came to the conclusion that the long cherished project of a Hills Railway should be carried into effect, and two months later, I decided that the road to Bukit Fraser in the Federated Malay States should be constructed and the development of the hill pressed forward as fast as possible. In spite of the difficulties of the recent lean years of the slump, the first of these projects in an accomplished fact, and the second, under the zealous direction of the Chief Secretary, Mr. Maxwell, is in process of rapid and successful development. I am confident that these two schemes will permanently improve the health and amenities of life in Malaya, and it will be an abiding pleasure to me to remember that they were undertaken during my tenure of office. I declare this railway open and will now ask Lady Guillemard to perform the necessary ceremony.

LAUNDRY SLAVES.

CHINESE SMUGGLED INTO ENGLAND.

Following a raid on Chinese laundries at Liverpool several well-dressed Chinese who had landed without permission were sentenced at Liverpool recently to two months' hard labour and recommended for deportation, and the proprietors of the laundries, who were charged with harbouring the men, were ordered to pay fines amounting in one instance to £25.

Police-Inspector Howard said the practice of smuggling Chinese into England had been revived on a large scale. Owing to the disturbed state of China the men were glad to pay to be smuggled into England, but they were practically slaves in the laundries and had to work for nominal wages until their fares were paid off.

NEW B.I. STEAMER "TALMA."

MAIDEN VOYAGE TO FAR EAST.

The new B.I. steamer *Talma* arrived in port yesterday on her maiden voyage from Calcutta to the Far East.

The *Talma*, recently launched by Messrs. H. & W. Hawthorn, Leslie & Co., Ltd., was built to the order of the British India Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. She has a tonnage of 10,000 gross, is fitted with two funnels, and will burn coal fuel. The length of the vessel is 467 feet, breadth 50 feet and depth 40 feet.

She has spacious accommodation for first and second class passengers, and, in addition, arrangements have been made for the berthing of a large number of deck passengers in the upper and second "tween decks. This steamer can accommodate 50 first class, 74 second class and about 3,000 deck passengers. A special feature for the convenience of deck passengers is that the "tween decks are fitted with sleeping platforms. The first and second class cabins, as in the case of the other recent B.I. passenger steamers, are situated amidships on the promenade and bridge decks. Each cabin is comfortably fitted and has access by its own port hole or port holes to ample outside light and fresh air. In the first saloon there are one, two and three-berthed cabins, while the second saloon is fitted with three and four-berthed cabins.

This steamer and those to follow later are more elaborately fitted than their predecessors the *Tamara* and the *Takara*. Special attention has been paid to the comfort of second class and deck passengers, while the first saloon cabins are fitted with modern amenities calculated to please the most exacting.

Unusually spacious first and second promenade decks afford ample room for deck games, dancing, and other forms of exercise, or entertainments. The passenger accommodation generally, is characterised by comfort and coolness and is specially designed for conditions in the tropics. In the public rooms a restful scheme of interior decoration has been designed which will gratify the restrained taste of Eastern voyagers.

Steam is supplied by four cylindrical single-ended boilers working at a pressure of 215 lbs. under Howden's latest system of forced draught. Tonskin's steam purifier is fitted to the main steam connections. The machinery is designed to develop a power sufficient for a speed of 13 knots.

The steamer is fitted with wireless installation, with berths for three operators, situated in a house on the boat deck. There are also two hospitals, one in the fore end of the bridge tween decks, and an isolation hospital above the poop deck. Special rooms have been built for the purpose of carrying mails and specie.

The vessel is built to Lloyd's 100 A.1 Class, and is constructed with straight stem and cruiser stern, with poop, bridge and forecastle decks and promenade and boat decks above bridge deck. Ten 5-ton derricks are fitted on derrick posts, ten steam winches are provided for the rapid handling of cargo, and a 25-ton derrick is fitted at the foremast for dealing with special cargo.

The Commander of the *Talma* is Capt. J. R. O'Sullivan; Chief Engineer, Mr. J. A. Cameron; and Chief Officer, Mr. J. Foreman.

TYPEWRITER CHAMPIONSHIP.

SPEEDS ATTAINED UP TO 147 WORDS PER MINUTE.

The world's Championship Typewriter Contest was held last month at New York, open to all classes of machine and competitor, and it is interesting to note that 150 words per minute were written in the one minute championship at this contest, truly a remarkable performance. It seems physically impossible for any one person to strike 150 words per minute, plus the many other actions such as carriage spacing, paper spacing, etc., necessary to operate a typewriter. In this contest not only is the speed of the machine thoroughly tested by expert operators, but the durability, too, for speed and durability run hand in hand in such a competition. The mechanical perfection of the present day machine is remarkable, for a machine which will stand up to one hour's continuous use at the rate of 147 words per minute must necessarily have a great margin of efficiency in hand for ordinary every-day use.

Regarding the one hour championship, it is remarkable the few errors that were made. The winner made only 23 errors actually, as ten words are deducted as a penalty for every error made, both by machine and operator.

Under the heading of penalties are included machine errors, such as the spacing of letters not being equidistant, any imperfectly printed word, etc., as well as typographical errors. Such a small percentage of error by machine and operator is really astonishing, and is a commendable effort by producer and operator to demonstrate the ultimate outcome of concentrated efficiency.

Concerning the operators, it is interesting to note that the only lady competitor mentioned is placed third in both the one hour championship and the one minute championship. This also is a highly creditable performance, and should be a big incentive to local operators to strive to attain such speed, accuracy, and general perfection of work.

A collision occurred in the Wharfedale on the 1st inst., just below Pootong Point between the German steamship *Preussen* and a cargo boat, heavily laden with cotton. The steamer the *Shanghai* every way was outwitted, and had already narrowly missed the cargo boat with her bows, when the clumsy craft fouled the larger vessel's propeller. In consequence, the cargo boat was smashed completely, and a good deal of valuable cotton was lost. The *Preussen* appears to have suffered no hurt, and continued on her voyage.



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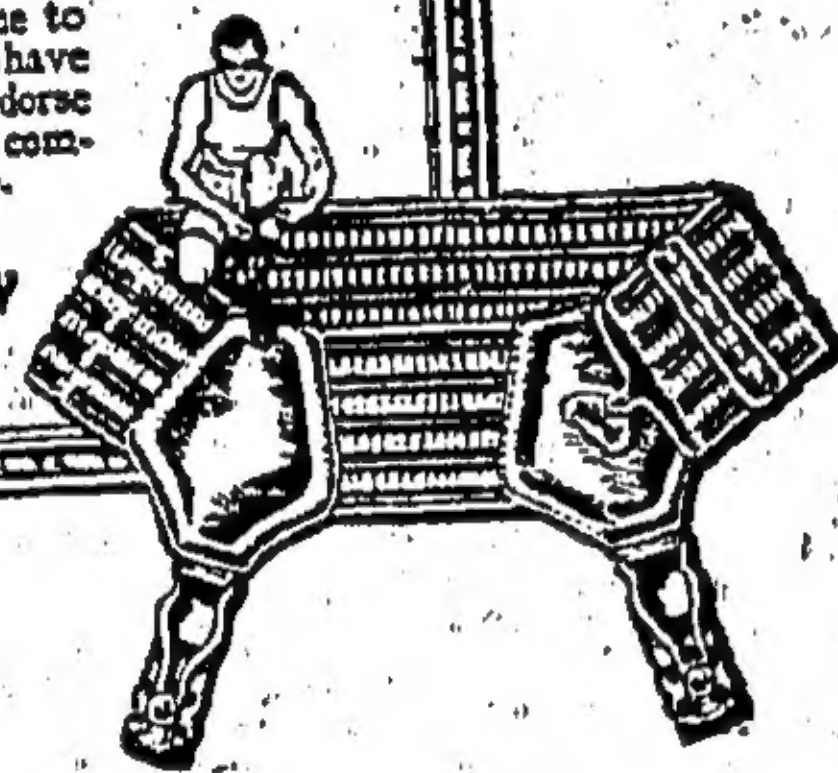
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PARIS FASHION NOTES.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, ISABEL RAMSAY.]

PARIS, December 8th.
For the woman who wishes to dress well on a small income one of the best plans for her to adopt is to have one dark dress, made plainly in some good material, and then change it and give it several different aspects by the addition of dainty collars, a buckle, or a discreet touch of colour. The present fashion for dainty organdie, lace and net collar and cuffs lends itself admirably to this form of treatment. Jet, steel or fancy buttons, too, can play quite a big part in the decoration of a plain frock.

Another way to liven up a dark frock is by the eminently simple one of adding a string of coloured beads of amber, coral, ivory, crystal, lapis, lazuli, amethyst, or of variegated Venetian beads. A knot and space of cord between each bead is an economical hint to lengthen out a short string, and a tassel of the cord looks well as a decoration hanging down in front.

A handkerchief or scarf in an attractive colouring is another excellent idea for trimming a plain frock. This can be knotted in front like a Boy Scout's handkerchief; it can be knotted on the shoulder with the opposite tip swathing the other shoulder; it can be arranged like a fishwife's scarf, and tied with a double knot in front; or else it can be swathed round the hips, knotted at the side and allowed to droop down the opening at the side of the skirt. For those who have, or who can afford to buy, two of these scarves a quaint idea is to drape them over the shoulder like a granny shawl, cross the ends, fishwife-wise in front, and add a brooch—if possible, an old-fashioned cameo or mosaic. As most of these scarves are made of expensive figured silks or are decorated with equally expensive batik work, the girl with a slender purse but clever fingers will be able to make herself quite charming ones by taking a square of plain coloured silk and decorating it with stencil work.

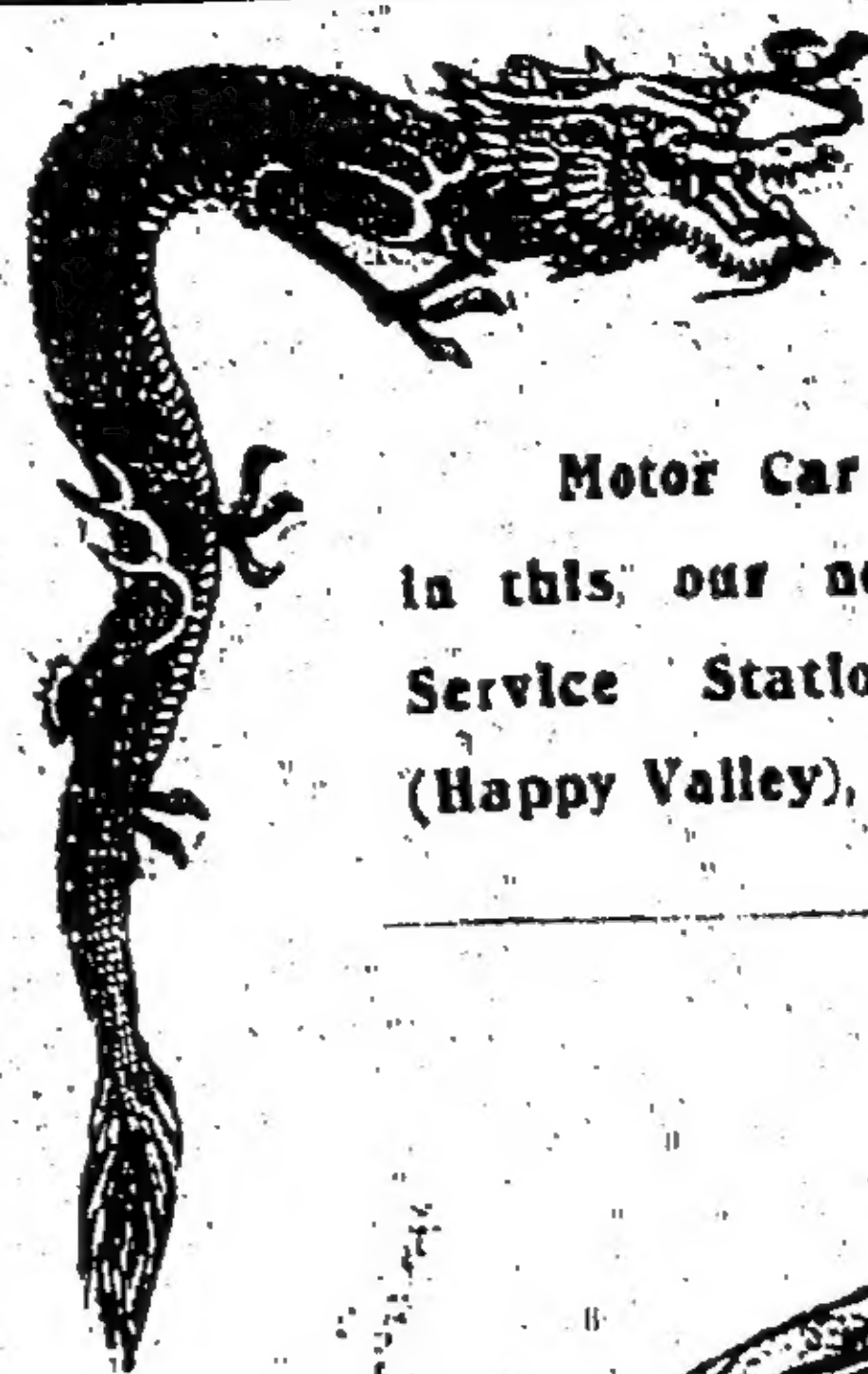
A piece of lace—not necessarily real but a good imitation—finely pleated and hung down in front of a bateau neck, makes a pretty finish to a plain dress and adds a certain note of good style as well. When the front of the dress is crossed over, a little front of lace or of daintily embroidered crepe de Chine will be found an inexpensive and attractive method of brightening up a plain frock. Having chosen a good material, it is wiser to have it made as plainly as possible or, at most, patterned with self-tones. But be careful that the cut is as perfect as tailor or dressmaker can make it for nothing is more essential to the look of a simple frock than the line. One of the most practical materials for such a purpose is the new woolen-moiré that manufacturers are launching this season, as it is strong, durable, warm and at the same time a decoration in itself by reason of the attractive changing lights of its surface. A rough-faced cloth or a patterned cloth of the same nature is infinitely to be preferred to materials with a shiny surface—such as velours, satin, silk faced cloth, and the like; these are excellent when new, but they quickly cease and take on a "worn" look which the dull-faced cloths do not. The best colours to choose, of course, are navy, black or brown; the choice depending on the colouring of hair, eyes and skin of the wearer.

The three-piece costume is a boon to those wishing to dress economically but well; it must, however, be chosen with care. For instance, the three-quarter coat of this Winter is quite long enough to wear over a light frock—a detail which is not without its economical value, as by this means one can wear the coat as frequently as the rest of the costume and so wear both out at the same time. Another advantage is that a skirt fixed to a lining bodice makes it practical to wear with other tops than the one with which it was originally made. Thus, the length and style of the top can be changed innumerable times and the appearance of a new dress be created at small cost. This top should always take the form of a tunic—preference of three-quarter length, as this is not only the latest line but it looks more dressy and can also come in useful to wear with another skirt. If a three-piece costume consist only of a coat and dress it is a wise step to have a separate skirt made of the same material. This will be found useful when you know you will have no need to remove your coat, so that this skirt and a smart waistcoat under the coat will look just as smart and serve the same purpose as a dress. This little "trick" will double the life of your costume. A neat little frock of silk that has to be worn out-of-doors a good deal looks much more finished when worn with a cape to match. This is not a serious matter, for anyone who can sew at all is capable of making a cape with a yard and a half extra of the same material as the frock is made of, cutting this on the straight, pleating it into a collar at the back, and allowing the points to hang down over the shoulders in front.

A length of lace arranged in this way on a dinner-dress adds quite a smart touch to it. Instead of the ends hanging down in points, they can be caught over the arms so as to form a kind of sleeve, or they can be finished with a ring of ribbon at each point through which the wrist can be slipped.

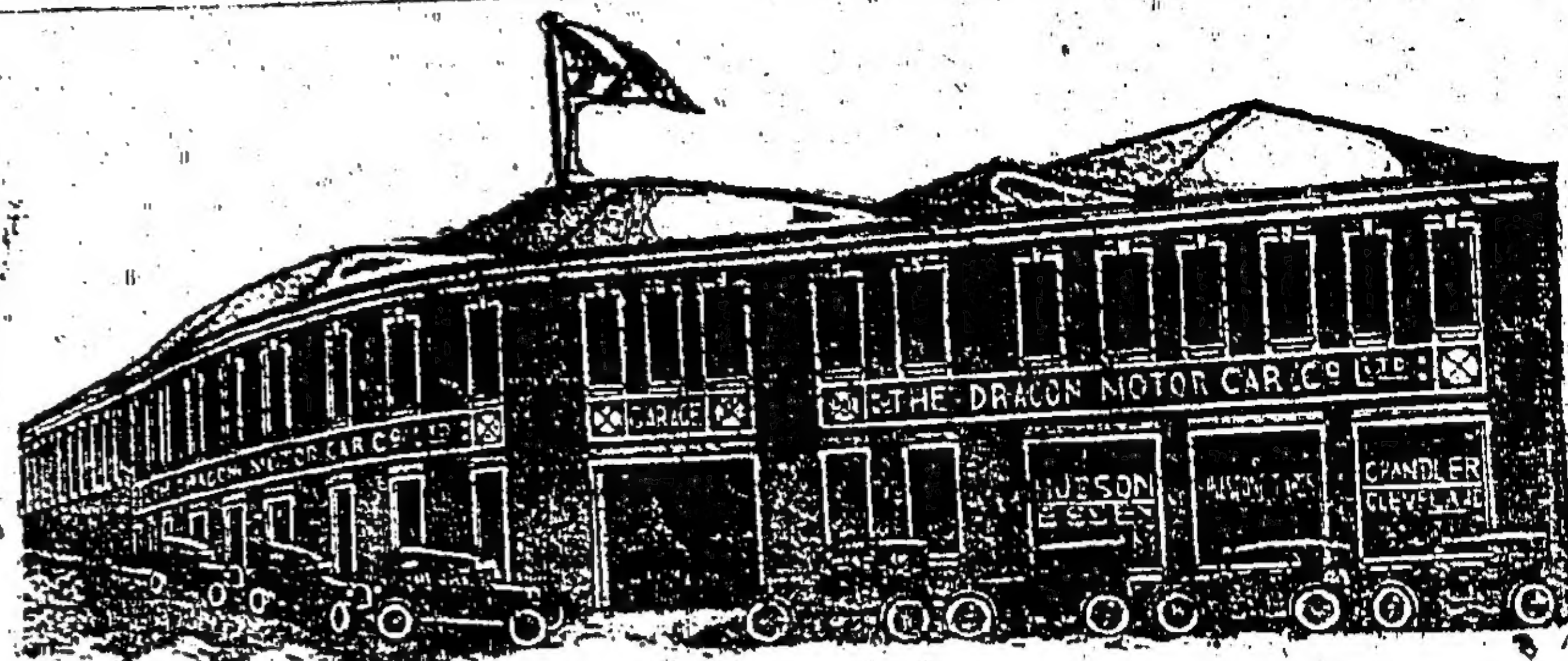
When one has to deal with a short length of material a hem can be dispensed with quite easily if a piece of edge is made to take its place. Taffetas especially lend itself to this economical and clever form of treatment. Another economical idea is to insert bands of the same material as odd intervals, with the grain running in an opposite sense. If carried out in poplin or crepe Maroccan do so, an effective shewy effect is obtainable.

In choosing one's wardrobe, there are a few golden rules to remember. A brown hat or a black hat always looks well, but each should have gloves, stockings and shoes to match. If the wearer aims at having a well-turned-out look (Opposite as foot of next column.)



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(FROM INDIAN PAPERS.)

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LONDON, December 18th.
Several deed-boxes and many files and documents belonging to Bottomley have been discovered in the basement of offices formerly rented by Bottomley in Piccadilly. The files are docketed and disclose private accounts as between the Victory Bond Club and Bottomley's estate. The trustee in Bottomley's bankruptcy has taken charge of these documents. He states that he obtained information regarding them from Houston, who was formerly Bottomley's secretary. It is not yet known if the documents include any valuable securities.

AMERICAN CAUSE CELEBRE

LONDON, December 21st.
Mrs. Guinevere Gould, ex-Gaiety chorus girl, formerly known as Alice Sinclair, widow of George Jay Gould, the American railway magnate, who died in May of this year, has won a fight in the New York courts on behalf of her three children, born before her marriage.
The Court held that, although the plaintiff was only married in July, 1922, the three children (of whom Gould had admitted paternity) were entitled equally with the seven children of his first marriage to his estate, with the result that each will receive about £100,000.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

LONDON, December 21st.
Sir Stewart Stockman and Sir Francis Flood were frequently interrupted at a mass meeting of midland agriculturists at Crewe to-day convened to consider the best means for stamping out foot and mouth disease.

The farmers contended that the Ministry of Agriculture was working along the wrong lines, in slaughtering affected animals.

Sir Francis Flood defended the Government's policy and said that the Ministry could not sit with folded hands and let matters rip. The disease had baffled the greatest pathologists.

The farmers bitterly complained that the herds were completely recovered and yet were doomed to be slaughtered.

The meeting, after a very acrimonious discussion, passed a resolution that slaughter had failed and that other methods, as, for example, isolation treatment, should be adopted.

NEW AIR FORCE RESERVE.

LONDON, December 21st.
The unqualified success of the Air Ministry's experiment in expanding the Reserve of Air Force Officers by the admission of qualified ex-Officers has inspired the Ministry to extend the scheme, and it now appears for a further 200 recruits.

Four civil schools have already been established in London, Bristol, Coventry and Glasgow, and two more are being opened in the North-West of England and at Brough, in Yorkshire, where the first seaplane training will be undertaken.

BRITISH MUSIC ONLY WANTED.

LONDON, December 28th.
Musical circles are at present exercised by the action of the Musicians' Union, which is attempting, on economic and not on racial grounds, to prevent the Vienna State Opera appearing in London early in the summer, when it had been arranged to give an extended season of operas in German.

The Union claims that foreign orchestras are unnecessary while British musicians are unemployed.

Musical critics, in swelling volume, protest on the ground that the coming summer would be the worst time for such a visit because the competition would put British opera out of action from May to September, when the numerous Colonial visitors to the Exhibition would get the impression that Great Britain is unable to supply opera of its own.

TRADE SHIP SCHEME FIASCO.

LONDON, December 28th.
The reasons for the failure of the scheme to send a ship round the world to exhibit British manufactures were revealed at a meeting of the creditors of the British World Trade Expeditions, Ltd., to-day.

The Official Receiver said that the company was incorporated in March, 1923, with a nominal capital of £25,000, which was afterwards increased to £75,000, for the purpose of carrying on trade, travel and other exhibitions, and expeditions. According to the company's books the only director who was paid any remuneration was Mr. Ben Tillet, M.P., who was acting as chairman at the date of the winding up.

The promoters stated that in November, 1921, they entered into partnership to acquire a ship to sail round the world and exhibit British manufactures at 45 different ports. The directors in January contracted to purchase the steamer *Orontes* from the Orient Steam Navigation Company for £45,000 but it was ultimately found that £30,000 would be required to overhaul her machinery. The firm which undertook to recondition her on December 14th began an action to enforce a lien.

The officials of the company attributed their failure to insufficient capital, although the Official Receiver was of the opinion that mismanagement was a contributing cause.

The statement of affairs showed liabilities £103,000 and assets £5,000, with a total deficiency of £98,000 in regard to shareholders.

It was decided to leave the liquidation in the hands of the Official Receiver, it being stated that only from the advantageous sale of the *Orontes* could the creditors anticipate any dividend.

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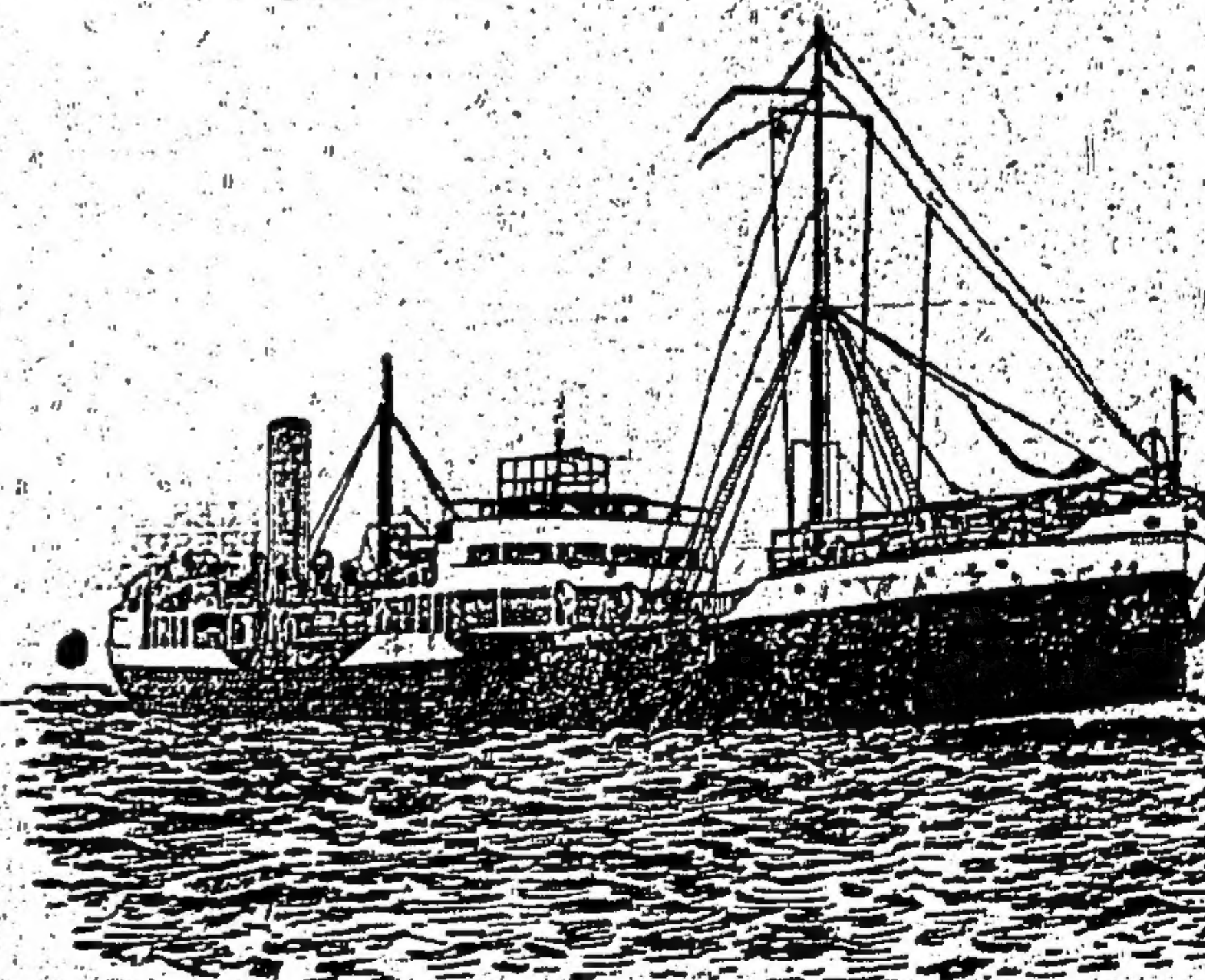
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ORVILLE	14th Dec.	18th Jan.	18th Feb.
ANGERS	28th Dec.	31st Jan.	3rd Mar.
CHATELAIN	10th Jan.	10th Feb.	11th Mar.
PORTHOUS	24th Jan.	24th Feb.	25th Mar.

RATES OF PASSAGE MONEY TO MARSEILLES.

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1st Class (1st Class) £5 0s 0d 2nd Class (1st Class) £3 0s 0d 3rd Class (1st Class) £2 0s 0d
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"SICILIA"	6813	20th Jan., Noon.	Sydney, Penang, Colombo & Bombay
"MACEDONIA"	11,093	26th Jan.	Sydney, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,840	9th Feb.	Sydney, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"SOUTHERN"	6,666	13th Feb.	Sydney, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"MOREA"	10,911	23rd Feb.	Sydney, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"KARMA"	8,068	6th March	Sydney, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"KALDERA"	15,993	12th March	Sydney, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"SICILIA"	6,813	26th March	Sydney, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"KHYBER"	8,014	8th April	Sydney, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"CHINA"	7,852	18th April	Sydney, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"SOUTHERN"	6,666	26th April	Sydney, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"KALYAN"	9,118	3rd May	Sydney, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"PLATON"	7,233	17th May	Sydney, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"KASHGAR"	8,840	24th May	Sydney, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp
"KHYBER"	8,014	31st May	Sydney, Penang, Colombo & Antwerp

BRITISH INDIA - APCAR SAILINGS

"TORILLA"	5,205	25th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
"JAPAN"	6,052	1st Feb.	do.

EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"ST. ALBANS"	4,600	2nd Feb.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
"EASTERN"	4,000	27th Feb.	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	2nd Apr.	do.

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SAILING TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN

"TALMA"	10,000	17th Jan., D.L.	Amoy & Kobe.
"KARMA"	9,098	26th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TANDA"	8,958	31st Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
"PERIM"	7,848	31st Jan.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"SOUTHERN"	6,666	1st Feb.	Shanghai.
"EASTERN"	4,000	2nd Feb.	Moji & Kobe.
"KALDERA"	15,993	3rd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KHYBER"	8,014	14th Feb.	Moji & Kobe.
"NELORE"	6,853	23rd Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"CHINA"	7,852	6th Mar.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	8th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SICILIA"	6,813	13th Mar.	Shanghai.
"KALYAN"	9,118	12nd Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	14th Apr.	Moji & Kobe.
"SOUTHERN"	6,666	18th Apr.	Shanghai.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,600	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KHYBER"	8,014	2nd May.	do.
"DELTA"	6,097	2nd May.	Moji & Kobe.
"EASTERN"	4,000	3rd May.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	16th May.	do.
"MOREA"	10,911	30th May.	do.
"KARMA"	9,098	13th June.	do.

All dates are approximate and subject to alteration without notice.

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FOR BRINDISI, VENICE & TRIESTE
via SINGAPORE, PENANG & COLOMBO.

"PERSIA" sailing on or about Early Feb.
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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATIONS.

Port	Steamer	Date of Departure
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"PAKHOI"	On 18th Jan., D.L.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KWANGTUNG"	On 18th Jan., Noon.
SHANGHAI	"CHIH LI"	On 18th Jan., 2 p.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"LINAN"	On 18th Jan., 10 a.m.
MANILA	"TEAN"	On 18th Jan., 4 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SOOCHOW"	On 17th Jan., 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"CHIN KIANG"	On 17th Jan., Noon.
CHENGPOO & DALNY	"KANSU"	On 18th Jan., D.L.
SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	On 19th Jan., D.L.
SHANGHAI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"FENG TIEN"	On 19th Jan., D.L.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KAYING"	On 19th Jan., 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"LUCHOW"	On 20th Jan., D.L.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 20th Jan., 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"TIENTSIN"	On 20th Jan., Noon.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU"	On 22nd Jan., 10 a.m.

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LONDON, HAMBURG, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP—via Singapore
Colombo, Suez and Port Said.
"CELESTES MARU" 6th Feb.

BIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES—via Saigon
Singapore, Colombo, Durban and Capetown.
"SEATTLE MARU" 8th Feb.

BOMBAY via Singapore and Colombo.
"HIMALAYA MARU" 20th Jan.
"YOKOKU MARU" 2nd Feb.

BANGKOK via SINGAPORE
"KISHU MARU" 1st Feb.

CALCUTTA via Singapore and Rangoon.
"MALAY MARU" 16th Jan.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Shanghai and Japan Ports.
"ARIZONA MARU" 18th Feb.

NEW YORK via Japan Ports, San Francisco and Panama.
"HAMBURG MARU" 18th Jan.

JAPAN—Moji, Kobe, Osaka, Yokohama & Nagoya.
"NANKING MARU" 28th Jan.

KEELUNG via SWATOW & AMOY.
"AMAKUSA MARU" Sunday, 20th Jan., 11 a.m.
"KAIYO MARU" Sunday, 27th Jan., 11 a.m.

TAKAO via SWATOW & AMOY.
"SOSU MARU" Thursday, 17th Jan., 8 a.m.

TAKAO & KEELUNG.
"KISHU MARU" Wednesday, 16th Jan.

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"West Farallon" Due Hongkong 27th Jan.
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INWARD MAILS

FROM	PER	DATE
Australia & Manila	Changsha	15th Jan.
Bangkok	Warina	15th Jan.
Shanghai	Soochow	15th Jan.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Pres. McKinley	15th Jan.
CANADA, U.S.A., JAPAN AND SHANGHAI	Emp. of Russia	15th Jan.
LONDON (Parcels only 25th Dec.)	Karmala	25th Jan.

OUTWARD MAILS

FOR	PER	DATE
Pakhoi & Haiphong	Cochin China	Tuesday, 15th, 8.00 A.M.
Hohow, Tourane and Quinhon	Paranang	8.30 A.M.
Swatow and Bangkok	Kwangtung	10.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haifong	Noon
Shanghai	Chili	11.30 P.M.
Saigon	Prominent	1.30 P.M.
Swatow	Lokang	4.00 P.M.
Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 27th Jan.	Victoria	Registration 4.00 P.M. Letters, 15th, 4.30 A.M.
Swatow	Linan	Wednesday, 16th, 8.00 A.M.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 27th Jan.	Yashio Maru	Registration 8.45 A.M. Letters, 9.30 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhaanahkodi, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 18th Feb.	Hakone Maru	Registration 8.45 A.M. Letters, 9.30 A.M.
Manila	Taan	2.30 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Soochow Maru	3.00 P.M.
Amoy	Tainan	3.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central & South America & EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 15th Feb.	Pres. Madison	Registration 8.00 A.M. Letters, 8.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Chinkiang	10.30 A.M.
Hohow and Haiphong	Leesang	Friday, 16th, 8.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haiching	Noon
Straits	Van Ooststraten	12.30 P.M.
Straits & Calcutta	Namsang	1.00 P.M.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 2nd Feb.	Changsha	Registration 1.15 P.M. Letters, 1.30 P.M.
Manila	Builing	Saturday, 19th, 8.30 A.M.
Straits & Egypt	Leonard	10.30 A.M.
Japan	Tyicalak	2.30 P.M.
Shanghai	Tingting	5.00 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhaanahkodi & Bombay	Stella	5.00 P.M.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	Sunday, 20th, 8.00 A.M.
Java via Batavia	Tyicalak	8.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Amakya Maru	9.00 A.M.
Saigon, Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, South Africa, India via Dhaanahkodi, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 13rd Feb.	Andre Lebon	Monday, 21st, Registration 3.45 P.M. Letters, 3.30 P.M.
Shanghai and Dalay	Kuizang	5.00 P.M.
Sandakan	Hinsang	Tuesday, 22nd, Noon

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Credits, 4 months' sight	1/6 3/4
On NEW YORK—	
Bank Bills, on demand	50 1/2
Credits, at 30 days' sight	51 1/2
On HONGKONG—	
Telegraphic Transfer	18 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	18 1/2
On CALCUTTA—	
Telegraphic Transfer	18 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	18 1/2
On SHANGHAI—	
Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	113
On YOKOHAMA—On demand	90
On MANILA—On demand	90
On SINGAPORE—On demand	135 1/2
On BATAVIA—On demand	nom.
On HAIIPHONG—On demand	nom.
On SAIGON—On demand	79 1/2
On BANGKOK—On demand	8 3/4
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For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
A. G. STEPHEN, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 14th November, 1923. [38]

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A. H. FERGUSON, Manager.
Hongkong, May 8th, 1923. [39]

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.

O. E. GOY, Manager.
Hongkong, December 18th, 1923. [39]

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE: No. 10, Des Voeux Road C., HONGKONG.

Authorized Capital ... \$10,000,000.00
Paid-up Capital ... \$5,000,000.00
Reserve Fund ... \$5,000,000.00

DIRECTORS:
Mr. PONG WAI TING, Chairman,
Hon. Mr. Chow Shou, Mr. Kan Ying Po,
Son, Mr. Mok Ching Kong,
Mr. Li Koon Chun, Mr. Wong Yun Tong,
Mr. Fung Ping Shan, Mr. Chan Ching Shue,
Mr. P. K. Kwok, Mr. Ng Chang Lok,
Mr. Huynh.

Chief Manager: Mr. Kan Tong Po,
Asst. Manager: Mr. Li Tse Fong.

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Interest allowed on Current Deposits Accounts at the rate of Two per cent. per annum, on Savings Accounts Four per cent. per annum, and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:

For 3 months at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum

For 6 months at the rate of 3 1/2 per cent. per annum

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KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, December 31st, 1923. [39]

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Capital (fully paid-up) ... Yen 100,000,000
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T. NISHIYAMA, Manager.
Hongkong, 17th Sept., 1923. [39]

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Hongkong Branch established 1906.

Authorized Capital Guilders 150,000,000
Paid-up Capital ... 50,000,000
Reserve Fund ... 25,000,000
Special Reserves ... 21,888,330

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(Specially authorized by Presidential Mandate of the Republic of China on the 22nd of November, 1917.)

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Paid-up Capital ... 15,778,800.00
Reserve Funds ... 9,229,425.54

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Loans granted on approved securities. Special facilities for Home Exchanges.

TSUYE P. EL, Manager.
Hongkong, September 8th, 1917. [39]